



A PDF text file of the project's approved environmental compliance package containing the letter of compliance completion, categorical exclusion form, environmental screening form, and any other associated environmental clearance forms, as applicable (e.g., Wilderness Minimum Requirement Analysis, Wild and Scenic River Section 7 Analysis). The signed originals of the package are on file in the Environmental Planning and Compliance Office at Yosemite National Park.

Letter of Compliance Completion

To: Alan Kunz, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

From: Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2021-096 El Portal Residential Porch Conversion (101133)

The Superintendent and park interdisciplinary team have reviewed the proposed project and completed an impact analysis and documentation, and have determined the following:

- There will not be any effect on threatened, endangered, or rare species and/or their critical habitat.
- There will be no adverse effect to historic properties.
- There will not be serious or long-term undesirable environmental or visual effects.

The subject proposed project, therefore, is now cleared for all NEPA and NHPA compliance requirements as presented above. Project plans and specifications are approved and construction and/or project implementation can commence.

Required Mitigations - For the proposed project actions to be within compliance requirements during construction and/or project implementation, the following mitigations must be adhered to:

- No ground disturbance is authorized.
- Only work described in PEPC 101133 is approved for implementation. Any changes to the scope of work that deviates from the attached approved plans require additional review and approval from the Yosemite Environmental Planning and Compliance Office.

Superintendent Signature: _____ Cicely Muldoon **Date:** _____ August 16, 2021

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Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)

Project: El Portal Residential Porch Conversion

PEPC Project Number: 101133

Description of Action (Project Description):

An El Portal resident wishes to wall and window in his currently open porch (dimensions are 12' by 16'). This project is within the imprint of his house and will not involve ground disturbance.

Mitigation(s): See Letter of Compliance Completion Form for mitigations.

CE Citation: A.5 Issuances, extensions, renewals, reissuances or minor modifications of concession contracts or permits not entailing new construction.

CE Justification: Issuing NPS permit for conversion of existing privately owned porch on NPS land assignment to an enclosed porch. The work is not new construction.

Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Superintendent Signature: _____ Cicely Muldoon **Date:** _____ August 16, 2021

Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	None
B. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?	No	None
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	None
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	None
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	None
G. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office?	No	None
H. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	No	None
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	None
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	None
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)?	No	None
L. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?	No	None



ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

Updated Sept 2015 per NPS NEPA Handbook

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: El Portal Residential Porch Conversion
PEPC Project Number: 101133
Project Type: Construction Permit (CONP)
Project Location: County, State: Mariposa, California
Project Leader: Alan Kunz

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

See Categorical Exclusion form.

C. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	None	None
Biological Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	None
Biological Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	None	None
Biological Vegetation	None	None
Biological Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	None
Cultural Archeological Resources	None	None
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	None

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Cultural Ethnographic Resources	None	None
Cultural Museum Collections	None	None
Cultural Prehistoric/historic structures	None	None
Geological Geologic Features	None	None
Geological Geologic Processes	None	None
Lightscares	None	None
Other Human Health and Safety	Potential	Issue: Construction will likely involve power tools and construction activities come with inherent safety risks. Impact: OSHA standards will be followed during construction activities.
Other Operational	None	None
Other	None	None
Socioeconomic Land Use	Potential	Issue: A currently open aired porch will be converted into a closed porch to increase the square foot area of a private residence. Impact: The occupants of the private residence will benefit from increased area inside their residence.
Socioeconomic Minority and low-income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	None
Socioeconomic	None	None
Soundscapes	Potential	Issue: There may be some auditory impacts from construction activities during the duration of the project. Impact: Construction activities will be conducted during typical working hours to reduce any potential audible impacts and the impacts will be temporary, during the duration of the project.
Viewsheds	Potential	Issue: An open aired porch will be converted to an enclosed porch, potentially changing the character of the house. Impact: The house has already been heavily altered.

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Visitor Use and Experience Recreation Resources	None	None
Visitor Use and Experience	None	None
Water Floodplains	None	None
Water Marine or Estuarine Resources		None
Water Water Quality or Quantity	None	None
Water Wetlands	None	None
Water Wild and Scenic River	Potential	Issue: This project is within the Merced Wild and Scenic River boundary. Impact: This project is within the Merced Wild and Scenic River boundary, but it would not affect outstandingly remarkable values, water quality, free-flowing condition of the river, or user capacity contrary to the management targets established in the 2014 Merced River Plan.
Wilderness	None	None



ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

2. **Project Description:**

Project Name: El Portal Residential Porch Conversion

Prepared by: Brenna McGown

Date Prepared:

Telephone: (209) 379-1371

PEPC Project Number: 101133

Locations:

County, State: Mariposa, CA

Describe project:

See Categorical Exclusion form.

Area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.16[d])

The Area of Potential Effect (APE) includes the boundary of the private residential property, 5637 Foresta Road, El Portal, CA, 95318. The project is within the imprint of the house and will not involve ground disturbance. As the project aims to enclose the currently open-air porch, indirect visual effects of this alteration are also considered.

3. **Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify historic properties?** Yes

4. **Potentially Affected Resource(s):**

Archeological Resources Present: Yes

Archeological Resources Notes: The project is within the area of the El Portal Archeological District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. Survey was last conducted in 2021. No sites have been identified within or adjacent to the project area and the work is limited to construction on top of an existing building foundation and does not involve any ground disturbance.

Historical Structures/Resources Present: No

Cultural Landscapes Present: No

Ethnographic Resources Present: Yes

Ethnographic Resources Notes:

5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)

Yes/No	The proposed action will...
No	Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure
No	Replace historic features/elements in kind
No	Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure
No	Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain)
No	Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape
No	Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible
No	Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible
Yes	Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources
No	Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources
No	Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)
	Other (please specify):

6. Supporting Study Data:

(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)

B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

[X] 106 Advisor

Name: Erin Davenport

Date: 08/04/2021

Comments: CRM specialists have assessed the project as having no adverse effects to historic properties. No tribal consultation was necessary. A letter was sent to SHPO requesting review and concurrence of the park's assessment of no adverse effect on June 24, 2021. No response was received in 30 days. A reminder to respond was sent on July 29, 2021 with no response by August 4, 2021.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [X]

Assessment of Effect: ___No Potential to Cause Effect ___No Historic Properties Affected X No Adverse Effect ___Adverse Effect ___Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: An update will be made to the project file if/when the park receives a response from SHPO.

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

[X] Anthropologist

Name: Liz Williams

Date: 04/27/2021

Comments:

Please see archeologist comments.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [X]

Assessment of Effect: ___No Potential to Cause Effect ___No Historic Properties Affected X No Adverse Effect ___Adverse Effect ___Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

[X] Archeologist

Name: Wesley Wills

Date: 04/27/2021

Comments: The project consists of construction on top of an existing building foundation and will not involve ground disturbance.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [X]

Assessment of Effect: ___No Potential to Cause Effect ___No Historic Properties Affected X No Adverse Effect ___Adverse Effect ___Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

[X] Historical Architect

Name: Donald Faxon

Date: 04/16/2021

Comments: I met with Josh Helling today (4/15) and looked at his house, 5637 Foresta Road in Old El Portal. The house has clearly been significantly altered - the first floor of virtually every exterior elevation has been altered in a significant way, leaving only the 2nd floor gable ends as largely intact exterior wall areas. While the building retains much of its exterior form and massing, these changes and additions at the north result in a material loss of more than 40% of its exterior character-defining features, and a resultant loss of integrity. While the walls of the house could be restored in the future, it would require at a minimum, substantial luck in obtaining original window and door opening locations in wall framing, and/or clear historic exterior photographs showing at least three of the four exterior walls as they originally existed. Because the house has lost too much integrity, I recommend approval of changes the Hellings seek to make at the north side of their house.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [X]

Assessment of Effect: ___No Potential to Cause Effect ___No Historic Properties Affected X No Adverse Effect ___Adverse Effect ___Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: none

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

No Reviews From: Curator, Historian, Other Advisor, Historical Landscape Architect

C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assessment of Effect:

Select with X	Assessment of Effect
	No Potential to Cause Effects
	No Historic Properties Affected
X	No Adverse Effect
	Adverse Effect

2. Documentation Method:

[X] A. Standard 36 CFR Part 800 Consultation

Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

[] B. Streamlined Review Under the 2008 Servicewide Programmatic Agreement (PA)

The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

Applicable Streamlined Review Criteria
(Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

[] **C. Undertaking Related to Park Specific or Another Agreement**

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a park, region or statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or 36 CFR 800.14.

[] **D. Combined NEPA/NHPA Process**

Process and documentation required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD to comply with Section 106 is in accord with 36 CFR 800.8.c.

[] **E. Memo to Project File**

3. Consultation Information

SHPO Required: Yes

SHPO Sent: June 24, 2021

SHPO Received: No response was received in 30 days. A reminder to respond was sent on July 29, 2021 with no response by August 4, 2021.

THPO Required: No

THPO Sent:

THPO Received:

SHPO/THPO Notes:

Advisory Council Participating: No

Advisory Council Notes:

Additional Consulting Parties: No

4. Stipulations and Conditions: Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effect above is consistent with 36 CFR Part 800 criteria of effect or to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects.

5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures: Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties: (Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

Required Mitigations - For the proposed project actions to be within compliance requirements during construction and/or project implementation, the following mitigations must be adhered to:

- No ground disturbance is authorized

6. Assessment of Effect Notes:

D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:

Section 106 Coordinator Signature: Hope Schear **Date:** August 11, 2021

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.

Superintendent Signature: Cicely Muldoon **Date:** August 16, 2021



Other Compliance/Consultations Form

Park Name: Yosemite National Park
PEPC Project Number: 101133
Project Title: El Portal Residential Porch Conversion
Project Type: Construction Permit
Project Location:
County, State: Mariposa, CA
Project Leader: Alan Kunz

ESA

<p>Any Federal Species in the project Area? No If species in area: No Effect Was Biological Assessment prepared? If Biological Assessment prepared, concurred? Formal Consultation required? No Formal Consultation Notes:</p> <p>Formal Consultation Concluded: Any State listed Species in the Project Area? Consultation Information: General Notes:</p>

Data Entered By: Brenna McGown

Date: July 26, 2021

ESA Mitigations

No ESA mitigations are associated with this project.

Floodplains/Wetlands/§404 Permits

Question	Yes/No	Details
A.1. Is project in 100- or 500-year floodplain or flash flood hazard area?	No	Not in floodplain or flash flood hazard area.
A.2. Is Project in wetlands as defined by NPS/DOI?	No	Not in wetland as defined by NPS/DOI.
B. COE Section 404 permit needed?	No	No placement of fill in waters of the United States.
C. State 401 certification?	No	None
D. State Section 401 Permit?	No	Issue Date: Expiration Date:
E. Tribal Water Quality Permit?	No	None

Question	Yes/No	Details
F. CZM Consistency determination needed?	No	Date Review Requested: Date Reply Received: Date State Concurred:
G. Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Required?	No	None
H. Any other permits required?	No	Permit Information:
Other Information:	No	None

Data Entered By: Brenna Megown

Date: July 26, 2021

Floodplains & Wetlands Mitigations

No Floodplains & Wetlands mitigations are associated with this project.

Wilderness

Question	Yes/No	Notes
A. Does this project occur in or adjacent to Designated, Recommended, Proposed, Study, Eligible, or Potential Wilderness?	No	None
B. Is the only place to conduct this project in wilderness?	No	None
C. Is the project necessary for the administration of the area as wilderness?	No	None
D. Would the project or any of its alternatives adversely affect (directly or indirectly) Designated, Recommended, Proposed, Study, Eligible, or Potential Wilderness? (If Yes, Minimum Requirements Analysis required)	No	None
E. Does the project or any of its alternatives involve the use of any of the Wilderness Act Section 4(c) prohibited uses: commercial enterprise, permanent road, temporary road, motor vehicles, motorized equipment, motorboats, landing of aircraft, mechanical transport, structure, or installation? (If Yes, Minimum Requirements Analysis required)	No	None
If the answer to D or E above is "Yes" then a Minimum Requirements Analysis is required. Describe the status of this analysis in the column to the right.	N/A	Initiation Date: Completed Date: Approved Date:
Other Information:	No	None

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Date: July 26, 2021

Other Permits/Laws *Questions A & B are no longer used.*

Question	Yes/No
C. Wild and scenic river concerns exist?	No
D. National Trails concerns exist?	No

Question	Yes/No
E. Air Quality consult with State needed?	No
F. Consistent with Architectural Barriers, Rehabilitation, and Americans with Disabilities Acts or not Applicable? (If N/A check Yes)	Yes
G. Other:	No

Other Information:

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